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LOK SABHA

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STATUS REPORT ON AGRICULTURE MARKETING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared status report on agriculture marketing;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the report;

(c) whether the development of marketing of agriculture product is not scientific as per the report;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for the scientific development of the markets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) to (d): Questions do not arise.

(e): The primary responsibility for strengthening, upgrading and expanding agricultural marketing facilities in the States and UTs vests with the State Governments and UTAdministrations and the Agricultural Produce Market Committees, which have beenestablished under the respective State Agricultural Marketing Regulation Acts.However, the Directorate of Marketing and Inspection (DMI), an attached office of this Ministry, has been taking various steps for bringing about an integrated development of marketing of agricultural produce in the country. The main activities of DMI relate to promotion ofstandardization and grading of agricultural produce, marketing research, surveys and planning, and provision of training facilities for employees of State Governments and UT Administrations on regulation and management of Agricultural Produce Markets.Recently, a Central Sector Scheme for Agricultural Marketing Information Network has beenapproved for establishing a nation-wide network for speedy collection and dissemination of market information/data for their efficient and timely utilization. Under this scheme, the important Agricultural Produce Markets and State Agricultural Marketing Boards/Departments in the country will be linked up through a computer network. The scheme would, inter alia, help the farmers to realize better prices for their produce.